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SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL
INFELLIGENCE FOR INCORPORATION IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS
AT PROJECT USEFUL ON FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 1958
FROM 1200 TO 1300 HOURS

Review: General Cabell, our four deputy directors, and 28 other responsible officials of the several components of CIA have attempted, during the past ten days, to describe concisely the national policy from which this Agency receives its mission; the internal organization and functions that are designed to accomplish these missions; the inter-agency limison and coordination that is conducted to assure the most effective implementation and maximum productiveness; and the capabilities and limitations of the CIA to support the military in several areas of the world. They have attempted, in a restricted period of time, to familiarize you with those aspects of our programs, within the boundaries of security, that are of mutual interest and common concern. Our mission is threefold: Collection of foreign intelligence through clandestine mechanisms -- Protection of our operations and the nation's security through active covert counterintelligence programs -- and finally, assisting in the attainment of

 prescribed foreign policy objectives through covert action operations that include programs in the propaganda, psychological, political, economic and paramilitary categories. I believe that you, as members of the military establishment, are most concerned with two of these several categories: the collection of intelligence and this Agency's capabilities to support by clandestine means your operations in war-time. Although time limitations precluded presentations in depth of the programs this Agency prosecutes in the interest of our common concern -- the preservation of the security of the United States -- I hope that they have been beneficial in terms of providing you with increased knowledge of the role of CIA in National Security Affairs.

2. Re-emphasis: Collection of foreign intelligence is not an exclusive mission of CIA. As you gentlemen well know, the military attache system, the G-2, A-2 and ONI organizations, the Department of State and several other U.S. departments and agencies have important roles in this vital national security operation. CIA is in constant limits with these several departments and agencies. Our relationships have

been amicable and productive over the years as we have striven, mutually, to improve the effectiveness of our endeavors. Most of you probably have been most interested in those areas of activity undertaken by our Agency that have to do with supporting the military in active theaters of war. In this connection, we have responsibilities for the establishment and maintenance of covert staybehind organizations, clandestine evasion and escape mechanisms, and other assets that might be employed as required and directed to lend covert support to the successful prosecution of the war against the enemy. I believe that you have been given an insight into our capabilities and limitations for these tasks. We constantly hope, within the limits of priorities and budgets, to increase our capabilities in this vital area. Liaison on matters of common concern to the Department of Defense and the CIA is carried on at various levels of Government, including my personal relationships with Defense Representative in the Operations Coordinating Board and the NSC 5412 Representatives down to desk-to-desk relationships of planning and operations officers. I am happy to state that at all levels we have found these contacts to be prof Approved of Release 2002/03/20 . CIA-RDP78-04308A000100070001-9

- 3. War Relationships: Considerable progress has been made over the years in defining the framework in which CIA and elements of the Department of Defense would coordinate and operate in time of war. There are still some areas of this relationship that require clarification but on the whole we have made fine progress and continue to move forward. An excellent living example of this fine relationship is evident here in this room. I am most impressed with the wide geographical representation which the several services have sent to the 1958 Project USEFUL. I understand that in addition to officers from several important continental commands and staffs, we have with us officers from Europe, the Pacific, Panama and Alaska. This is a most gratifying demonstration of what we have always looked upon as a most noteworthy goal: mutality of understanding of tasks and problems.
- 4. The Future: As long as Communism prevails on the Planet Earth,
  the people of the United States will need to have strong, efficient, effective
  and dedicated national security services. The missions of CIA have increased

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tremendously during these years of Cold War and, for the foreseeable future, probably shall continue to increase. The past several months have demonstrated clearly the added burdens that have been placed upon the military services as the communists strive to subvert and capture free countries in various corners of the world. Our tasks are plain and challenging. We must approach them with imagination and tireless effort.

Gentlemen, are there any questions I might be able to answer for you?